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FIRST QUARTER 2010
ISSUES / PROGRAMS LIST FOR WLNS

The following list contains some of the most significant programming treatment of issues of community concern addressed by WLNS during the quarter. The list is not intended to be exhaustive.

Date	Program	Time/ Duration	Issue	Description
1-Jan	6-7 a.m. news	6:12 a.m./ :28	Economy	WELCOME BACK. JOB CUTS, FORECLOSURES, AND BAILOUTS STOLE THE HEADLINES AS THE U-S STRUGGLED THROUGH ANOTHER YEAR OF ECONOMIC TURMOIL. 2009 FINALLY BROUGHT THE OFFICIAL END OF THE RECESSION... BUT NOT THE END OF THE NATION'S FINANCIAL TROUBLES. ALEXIS CHRISTOFOROUS HAS A LOOK BACK AT A YEAR THAT BEGAN IN FULL BLOWN CRISIS.
3-Jan	Face/Nation	10:30 a.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	Topics include: closing of the U.S. and British embassies in Yemen, due to a security threat / al Qaeda's plot to attack the American embassy on Christmas Day, which the U.S. preempted with an air strike / update on the Christmas Day attempted terrorist attack on Northwest Airlines Flight # 253 by on-board passenger Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab / speculation regarding President Obama's anticipated reaction to the attempted attack / revelation that some of the people involved in the plot were alumni of Guantanamo Bay and how that may or may not complicate President Obama's decision to close the facility
3-Jan	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Crime	An interview with Bradley Birkenfeld, a U.S. citizen formerly employed in Switzerland by UBS, the Swiss bank. He provided the U.S. Justice Department with information and documentation that UBS was actively involved in helping its American clients evade U.S. taxes. He also faces criminal prosecution himself. Also interviewed: Thomas Perrelli, associate attorney general of the U.S.; Stephen Kohn, an attorney for Birkenfeld and head of the National Whistleblowers Center.
3-Jan	11 p.m. news	11:03 p.m./ :20	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	YEMEN COULD BECOME THE NEXT BIG HOT SPOT IN THE WAR ON TERROR. IT'S WHERE THE MAN ACCUSED OF TRYING TO BLOW UP AN AIRLINER ON CHRISTMAS WAS TRAINED. AND U-S INTELLIGENCE SOURCES SAY THERE ARE HUNDREDS MORE READY TO FOLLOW IN HIS FOOTSTEPS. KATHRYN BROWN HAS THE LATEST.
4-Jan	6 p.m. news	6:10 p.m./ :23	Environment/ Economy	NEW YORK'S ATTORNEY GENERAL SAYS HE'LL JOIN MICHIGAN'S LEGAL EFFORT TO KEEP ASIAN CARP FROM ENTERING THE GREAT LAKES-- ALL OF THAT--BECAUSE THE SPECIES COULD DEVASTATE THE FISHING INDUSTRY AND THE ENVIRONMENT. WISCONSIN, MINNESOTA AND OHIO ALSO ARE SUPPORTING THE REQUEST. ASIAN CARP CAN GROW TO BE 100 POUNDS-- AND CAN CONSUME MASSIVE QUANTITIES OF PLANKTON-- WHICH IS THE BASE OF THE GREAT LAKES FOOD CHAIN.

4-Jan	11 p.m. news	11:02 p.m./ :36	Health/ Health Care	HOUSE AND SENATE DEMOCRATS INTEND TO BYPASS THE TRADITIONAL FORMAT WHEN THEY NEGOTIATE A FINAL COMPROMISE ON HEALTH CARE LEGISLATION. THE MOVE WILL EXCLUDE THE REPUBLICANS-- AS WELL AS REDUCE THEIR ABILITY TO DELAY OR FORCE POLITICALLY TROUBLING VOTES IN BOTH HOUSES. THE UNOFFICIAL TIMETABLE CALLS FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF THE MEASURE TO REMAKE THE NATION'S HEALTH CARE SYSTEM BY THE TIME THE PRESIDENT DELIVERS HIS STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS. DEMOCRATIC AIDES SAID THE FINAL COMPROMISE TALKS WOULD ESSENTIALLY BE A THREE-WAY NEGOTIATION INVOLVING TOP DEMOCRATS IN THE HOUSE AND SENATE-- AS WELL AS THE WHITE HOUSE.
6-Jan	8:25 a.m. cut-in	8:25 a.m./ :26	Environment/ Economy	NEW THIS MORNING--- JOB CREATION IN MICHIGAN GETS A BOOST THANKS TO ONE-HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS IN FEDERAL MONEY. LATER TODAY--- THE U-S SECRETARY OF LABOR WILL AWARD STATES IMPACTED BY THE AUTO INDUSTRY'S RESTRUCTURING WITH ENERGY PARTNERSHIP TRAINING GRANTS. MICHIGAN, ALONG WITH INDIANA, AND OHIO WILL SPLIT THE CASH. THE GREEN GRANTS WILL GO TOWARDS JOB TRAINING AND HELP CREATE GOOD-PAYING JOBS--- WHILE PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT.
7-Jan	8:25 a.m. cut-in	8:25 a.m./ :25	Economy	IT'S A BIG DAY FOR GENERAL MOTORS-- AS THE COMPANY STARTS PRODUCTION ON A NEW PART THAT'S EXPECTED TO CHANGE THE AUTO INDUSTRY-- AND BOOST MICHIGAN'S ECONOMY. AT 10 THIS MORNING--- THE FIRST LITHIUM ION BATTERY WILL ROLL OFF THE ASSEMBLY LINE AT THE G-M BROWNSTOWN BATTERY ASSEMBLY PLANT OUTSIDE OF DETROIT. THE NEW PROJECT WILL PROVIDE BATTERY PACKS FOR G-M'S REVOLUTIONARY ELECTRIC CAR-- THE VOLT.... AND WILL GET ABOUT 100 MICHIGAN WORKERS BACK ON THE JOB.
8-Jan	6-7 a.m. news	6:10 a.m./ :23	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	PRESIDENT OBAMA IS DEMANDING CHANGES IN HOW INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION IS HANDLED. THE NEW ORDER COMES AS THE MAN ACCUSED OF TRYING TO BRING DOWN A PLANE ON CHRISTMAS DAY MAKES HIS FIRST COURT APPEARANCE IN DETROIT. WHIT JOHNSON HAS THE STORY.
8-Jan	11 p.m. news	11:12 p.m./ :22	Education/ Economy	RACE TO THE TOP IS A FEDERAL PROGRAM THAT COULD GIVE STATES MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR THEIR SCHOOLS. TODAY DISTRICTS' LETTERS OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE WERE DUE TO THE MICHIGAN'S DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. MANY DISTRICTS SAID THEY DON'T WANT A PIECE OF THE PIE... AND MANY TEACHERS UNIONS DECIDED NOT TO SIGN THEIR DISTRICTS LETTERS. ALISON HIMELHOCH EXPLAINS WHY THEY'RE NOT RACING TO GET INTO THE PROGRAM.

10-Jan	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Race Relations/ Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	Topics include: confirmation that Senator Reid made his comment to one of the authors of "Game Change" / Senator Reid's numerous apologies to President Obama and various African-American leaders / impact this will have on Senator Reid's bid for re-election / how this reveals discomfort within the Democratic Party as to how best define President Obama's place in American politics / calls from Republicans for Senator Reid to step down as Majority Leader / possible impact on midterm elections; reaction to Senator Feinstein's call for fixing the no-fly list and her agreement with several Republican senators that people released from Guantanamo bay should not be allowed to return to any country with an al Qaeda presence / problems President Obama is facing regarding his plan for closing Guantanamo Bay / opposition to having the prisoners moved to a facility in Thompson, IL / controversy surrounding the Obama Administration's decision to charge Abdulmutallab in a civilian court / report that sources within the White House are questioning that decision as well
10-Jan	6 p.m. news	6:09 p.m./ 1:21	Race Relations	TOP REPUBLICANS ARE CALLING FOR SENATE MAJORITY LEADER HARRY RIED TO STEP DOWN. THE NEVADA DEMOCRAT IS IN POLITICAL HOT WATER FOR RACIAL COMMENTS HE MADE ABOUT PRESIDENT OBAMA DURING THE CAMPAIGN. THE NEW BOOK "GAME CHANGE" REPORTS THAT RIED DECLARED...THE COUNTRY WOULD EMBRACE A "LIGHT SKINNED" AFRICAN AMERICAN "WITH NO NEGRO DIALECT, UNLESS HE WANTED TO HAVE ONE." REID HAS APOLOGIZED FOR HIS "POOR CHOICE OF WORDS" ..AND FOR "OFFENDING ANY AND ALL AMERICANS, ESPECIALLY AFRICAN AMERICANS" FELLOW DEMOCRATS ARE STANDING BY THEIR LEADER.
13-Jan	6-7 a.m. news	6:07 a.m./ :23	Health/ Health Care	A NEW PROVISION COULD BE ADDED TO THE HEALTH CARE REFORM BILL--- THAT WOULD ALLOW A NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUY HEALTH INSURANCE. OFFICIALS SAY PRESIDENT OBAMA IS NOW SUPPORTING THE IDEA-- AND ANOTHER THAT WOULD END AN ANTI-TRUST EXEMPTION THAT HAS BEEN AROUND FOR DECADES. DEMOCRATS IN THE HOUSE WANT BOTH PROVISIONS IN THE FINAL BILL--- BUT SENATE DEMOCRATS AREN'T ON BOARD WITH THE PROPOSALS.
13-Jan	Noon news	12:02 p.m./ :29	Economy/ Environmen t	SOME MICHIGAN WORKERS AFFECTED BY THE STRUGGLING AUTO INDUSTRY MAY SEE MORE GREEN AT WORK... AND AT THE BANK. THE WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCED MILLIONS IN FEDERAL TRAINING GRANT AWARDS TODAY. OFFICIALS SAY THE GREEN GRANTS WILL SUPPORT JOB TRAINING FOR LOCAL WORKERS--- WHICH WILL THEN EVENTUALLY LEAD TO BETTER PAYING JOBS AND A NEW, GREENER ECONOMY.
13-Jan	5 p.m. news	5:07 p.m./ 1:08	Education	THEY SAY A MIND IS A TERRIBLE THING TO WASTE. AND "THE ALLIANCE FOR EXCELLENT EDUCATION" SAYS OVER A MILLION MINDS ARE WASTED EACH YEAR, EACH BELONGING TO STUDENTS WHO'VE DROPPED OUT OF SCHOOL. AND IT'S NOT A PRETTY PICTURE. DOUG STITES RUNS CAPITAL AREA MICHIGAN WORKS - HELPING PEOPLE FIND JOBS. HE SAYS PEOPLE WHO DROP OUT OF SCHOOL DON'T MAKE MUCH MONEY. AS A RESULT, THEY'RE LESS LIKELY TO BUY CARS AND HOMES. THAT MEANS FEWER TAX DOLLARS FOR THE AREAS THEY LIVE IN.

14-Jan	11 p.m. news	11:03 p.m./ 1:18	Race Relations	THE SIGN IS READY... THE MOVEMENT IS FORMED... LETICIA NOYOLA SAYS IT'S TIME FOR LANSING'S HISPANICS TO HAVE A STREET DEDICATED TO THEIR HERO... CESAR E. CHAVEZ. EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM AGREES THAT CHAVEZ NEEDS TO BE HONORED. BUT THEY CAN'T AGREE ON HOW TO HONOR HIM. THE PLAN IS TO RENAME EAST GRAND RIVER AVENUE... CESAR E. CHAVEZ AVENUE.
15-Jan	6-7 a.m. news	6:13 a.m./ :26	Crime	N-B-A PLAYER GILBERT ARENAS IS EXPECTED IN COURT TODAY--- FACING CRIMINAL CHARGES OF CARRYING A GUN WITH OUT A LICENSE. ARENAS HAS ALREADY BEEN SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY BY HIS TEAM--- THE WASHINGTON WIZARDS. THE CHARGES STEM FROM AN INCIDENT WHEN HE PULLED OUT A GUN IN THE TEAM LOCKER ROOM. ARENAS SAYS IT WAS ALL A JOKE--- AND ADMITS HE KEPT 4 UN-LOADED GUNS IN HIS LOCKER TO KEEP THEM SAFE FROM HIS CHILDREN AT HOME. IF CONVICTED--- HE COULD FACE UP TO 5 YEARS IN PRISON.
17-Jan	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Health/ Health Care/ Race Relations	Interview (recorded yesterday in the White House Map Room) after President Obama announced the appointment of former Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush to head up a fund-raising effort for the people of Haiti. Topics include: friendship between the two former presidents / reaction to comments made by Rush Limbaugh, where he questions the need to help the people of Haiti and suggests that President Obama will use this crisis to shore up support for himself in the black community / purpose of the Clinton-Bush Haiti Fund / importance of garnering worldwide support for the people of Haiti
17-Jan	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Health/ Health Care	A report from Haiti detailing the desperate and overwhelming need for medical personnel, equipment and supplies, as well as water and food, in the wake of last week's devastating earthquake. Also detailed are the contributions of the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne.
18-Jan	Noon news	12:05 p.m./ :28	Race Relations	THE PRESIDENT AND FIRST LADY WILL PARTICIPATE IN A PUBLIC-SERVICE EVENT TODAY. THEN LATER AT THE WHITE HOUSE-- THE PRESIDENT WILL HOST A CONVERSATION WITH A SMALL GROUP OF AFRICAN AMERICAN SENIOR CITIZENS AND THEIR GRANDCHILDREN ON THE LEGACY OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT. AND TONIGHT-- THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. OBAMA PLAN TO ATTEND THE "LET FREEDOM RING" CONCERT AT THE KENNEDY CENTER. THE CONCERT WILL FEATURE NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ARTISTS AND CHOIR MEMBERS FROM D-C AREA CHURCHES.
19-Jan	11 p.m. news	11:05 p.m./ :18	Health/ Health Care/ Economy	MANY PEOPLE WORK 30-YEARS--OR MORE-- AND PAY INTO A HEALTHCARE SYSTEM-- SO THAT SOMEDAY THEY CAN RETIRE KNOWING THEY'LL BE TAKEN CARE OF. WELL, NOT MICHIGAN'S LAWMAKERS. AFTER JUST SIX YEARS IN THE LEGISLATURE... LAWMAKERS GET LIFETIME TAXPAYER FUNDED HEALTH CARE - BEGINNING AT AGE 55. NOW A GROUP OF DEMOCRATS WANTS TO END THAT.

24-Jan	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	Topics include: reaction to the most recent audio tape from Osama bin Laden / criticism against the Justice Department for deciding to grant Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab a trial in civil court / desire to hold those who made that decision accountable; sudden opposition from ten Senators to the confirmation of Ben Bernanke for a second term as Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System / reasons behind Senator McCain's own skepticism to the nomination; disappointment, but not surprise, at the Supreme Court decision this week allowing corporations to contribute to political advertisements; recent election of Massachusetts Republican Scott Brown to the Senate seat once held by Ted Kennedy / possible impact on the passage of the health care reform bill / belief that the process for reform should start over from the beginning / continued support for the closing of the prison facility at Guantanamo Bay, once a coherent and comprehensive policy regarding detainees is in place
25-Jan	11 p.m. news	11:09 p.m./ 1:17	Education	WHILE LESLIE SCHOOL STUDENTS WORRY ABOUT WHAT THEIR PARENTS PACKED IN THEIR LUNCHES THEIR MOMS AND DADS WORRY ABOUT WHAT THE DISTRICT WILL BE SERVING UP IN THEIR FUTURE. WHICH IS WHY TONIGHT ERICA WILLARD JOINED DOZENS OF OTHERS TO TALK ABOUT THE BEST WAY TO DEAL WITH WHATS COMING. AN AMOUNT THE STATE SAYS MOST DISTRICTS WILL LIKELY GET. WHICH MEANS FOR THE EIGHTH YEAR IN A ROW, LESLIE WILL HAVE TO ERASE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS FROM IT'S BOOKS.
27-Jan	6-7 a.m. news	6:35 a.m./ :28	Health/ Health Care/ Economy	IN A STATEMENT RELEASED TO 6 NEWS--- THE HOSPITAL'S PRESIDENT AND C-E-O, ROBERT WRIGHT SAID--- HEALTH CARE IS NOT RECESSION PROOF. INGHAM REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, LIKE ANY OTHER BUSINESS FACING LESS VOLUME - MUST RESPOND AND ADJUST ITS WORKFORCE TO MATCH THIS NEW LEVEL OF EXPECTED VOLUME. WRIGHT GOES ON TO SAY... THE CHANGES WILL NOT REDUCE THE NURSE TO PATIENT RATIOS... AND MAKING SCHEDULE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES-- WILL HELP REDUCE THE HOSPITAL'S COSTS AND KEEP EMPLOYEES WORKING.
28-Jan	6-7 a.m. news	6:04 a.m./ :22	Economy/ Health/ Health Care	RISING MEDICARE CO-PAY MAY END UP HURTING BOTH THE ELDERLY-- AND THE ECONOMY. A NEW STUDY FOUND-- WHEN PATIENTS TRY THE MONEY SAVING STRATEGY-- IT DOES LEAD TO *FEWER* DOCTOR VISITS-- BUT IT ALSO LEADS TO *LONGER* HOSPITAL STAYS-- WHICH BOOSTS OVERALL HEALTHCARE COSTS. THE STUDY INVOLVING NEARLY 900 THOUSAND SENIORS-- IS ONE OF THE FIRST TO MEASURE THE IMPACT OF RAISING CO-PAYS FOR THE ELDERLY.
30-Jan	6 p.m. news	6:06 p.m./ :19	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security/ Crime	REPUBLICANS SAY PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA HAS A *BLIND SPOT* WHEN IT COMES TO THE WAR ON TERRORISM. TODAY...IN THE PARTY'S WEEKLY RADIO AND INTERNET ADDRESS...MAINE SENATOR SUSAN COLLINS SAYS THE NIGERIAN ACCUSED OF TRYING TO BLOW UP AN AIRLINER ON CHRISTMAS DAY... SHOULD HAVE BEEN TREATED AS AN ENEMY COMBATANT... NOT AN ORDINARY CRIMINAL.

30-Jan	11 p.m. news	11:03 p.m./ :23	Crime	TWO JACKSON COUNTY MEN ARE HOSPITALIZED TONIGHT...FOLLOWING A POSSIBLE METH LAB EXPLOSION. IT HAPPENED FRIDAY...AT A HOME ON THE 8-THOUSAND BLOCK OF COON HILL ROAD IN HENRIETTA TOWNSHIP. POLICE SAY TWO MEN SUFFERED SERIOUS BURNS...WHEN ITEMS USED TO MAKE METHAMPHETAMINE IGNITED. BOTH MEN ARE BEING TREATED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN HOSPITAL IN ANN ARBOR. THERE'S NO WORD... ON IF THEY'LL FACE ANY CRIMINAL CHARGES.
31-Jan	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Economy/ Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	Topics include: reaction to the support for President Obama's change in focus to jobs / Republican desire to seize on the political momentum created by Senator Brown's election / belief that the Republicans secretly have no desire to work with the Obama administration / expectation that health care reform will be addressed again; unraveling of the Obama administration's decision to hold the trial of Sheik Khalid Mohammed, the self-confessed mastermind of the 9/11 attacks, in New York City
31-Jan	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	A 60 MINUTES team spends two and a half months in Afghanistan with a team of U.S. Army Green Berets, "ODA 7215", as they train a group of Afghan soldiers and then go into battle with them against the Taliban. Includes interviews with Green Berets "Martin", "Bill" and "Brent" -- identified, for security purposes, only by their first names
3-Feb	6-7 a.m. news	6:04 a.m./ :26	Health/ Health Care	CUTTING LIFETIME HEALTH CARE COVERAGE FOR MICHIGAN LAWMAKERS MAY SOON BECOME A REALITY. ON TUESDAY NIGHT--- THE STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES VOTED ON A NEW BILL TO ELIMINATE COVERAGE FOR ALL FUTURE RERESENTATIVES AND SENATORS. IF APPROVED IN THE SENATE--- THE BILL WOULD EFFECT THOSE ELECTED THIS YEAR AND BEYOND. AS OF NOW--- FORMER STATE LAWMAKERS WHO HAVE SERVED AT LEAST SIX YEARS IN THE LEGISLATURE CAN GET FULL HEALTH COVERAGE ONCE THEY TURN 55.
3-Feb	Noon news	12:03 p.m./ :27	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE SUSPECTED CHRISTMAS DAY BOMBER-- WERE TRYING TO PERSUADE HIM TO COOPERATE WITH AUTHORITIES. WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS SAY FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE BEEN TALKING TO ACCUSED BOMBER FOR OVER A WEEK. AND OFFICIALS SAY HE HAS NOW PROVIDED NEW INTELLIGENCE FOR F-B-I TERRORISM INVESTIGATORS.
4-Feb	5 p.m. news	5:20 p.m./ :23	Environmen t	WHEN YOU BUY NEW TIRES, YOU MAY NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR OLD ONES. WELL, THERE'S A STATE RUN PROGRAM THAT DOES. ITS DESIGNED TO HELP PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT, AND A NEW REPORT...SAYS IT'S A SUCCESS. DARREN CUNNINGHAM SHOWS US WHERE THOSE TIRES GO.
4-Feb	6 p.m. news	6:01 p.m./ :24	Economy/ Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	THE U-S ARMY PLANS ON PLACING IT'S LAST ORDER FOR HUM-VEES IN MARCH -- THAT MEANS THAT 800 PEOPLE FROM THE DEMMER PLANT HERE IN LANSING WILL BE OUT OF WORK AFTER THE LAST TRUCK ROLLS OFF THE ASSEMBLY LINE.IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN JUST HOW HARD THIS NEWS WILL HIT THE COMPANY -- BUT IT'S A HUGE BLOW TO THE MICHIGAN ECONOMY.
7-Feb	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Health/ Health Care/ Economy	Topics include: possibility that the 2010 football season will be played without a salary cap if a contract extension is not reached by March / impact that will have on owners and players; concerns over the short and long-term health of players -- specifically concussions and other head injuries; today's Super Bowl game between the New Orleans Saints and the Indianapolis Colts / what it means for the people of Gulf Coast

8-Feb	8:55 a.m. cut in	8:55 a.m./ :21	Race Relations/ Health/ Health Care	ACCORDING TO THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL--- AFRICAN AMERICANS MAKE UP 59 PERCENT OF ALL HIV-AIDS CASES IN MICHIGAN. THAT'S WHY HEALTH OFFICIALS HAVE DEDICATED FEBRUARY AND MARCH AS *AIDS AWARENESS* MONTHS IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY. HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY THEY WANT TO HELP DO WHAT THEY CAN FOR DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT.
10-Feb	5-6 a.m. news	5:05 a.m./ :42	Education	110 SCHOOL DISTRICTS HAVE MADE THE CALL-- TO KEEP STUDENTS HOME TODAY. AND TODAY WAS SET TO BE A STUDENT COUNT DAY. BUT BECAUSE THE SNOW WAS FORECAST EARLIER THIS WEEK-- STATE EDUCATION OFFICIALS TOOK A PROACTIVE STANCE AND NOTIFIED SCHOOLS-- THAT IF CLASSES WERE CANCELLED TODAY--- THEY COULD POSTPONE COUNT DAY UNTIL STUDENTS RETURN. THAT'S AN IMPORTANT MOVE-- BECAUSE SCHOOLS RELY ON COUNT DAY FOR FUNDING. EVERY YEAR DISTRICTS GET MORE THAN 7-THOUSAND DOLLARS PER STUDENT. TODAY'S COUNT DAY-- WAS SET TO BE THE SECOND THIS YEAR-- MAKING UP 25-PERCENT OF A DISTRICT'S TOTAL. THE FIRST COUNT BACK IN SEPTEMBER-- ACCOUNTED FOR 75-PERCENT. SO-- ONCE THE SNOW IS CLEARED AND YOUR SCHOOL OPENS BACK UP-- IT'S IMPORTANT TO MAKE SURE YOUR STUDENT IS IN CLASS.
10-Feb	6 p.m. news	6:27 p.m./ :22	Crime	YOU'D THINK BURGLARS WHO BREAK INTO AN EMPTY HOME MIGHT QUALIFY FOR THE "WORLD'S DUMBEST CRIMINALS." BUT WHOEVER BROKE INTO AN VACANT HOUSE IN JACKSON--- KNEW WHAT THEY WERE DOING. POLICE SAY THEY TOOK THE COPPER PIPING FROM THIS HOME ON THE 100 BLOCK OF WEST WILKINS STREET. IT'S PART OF A GROWING TREND IN MID-MICHIGAN. THIEVES BREAK INTO ABANDONED HOMES--- SO THEY CAN CASH IN ON THE METAL.
11-Feb	Noon news	12:03 p.m./ :28	Economy	A NEW WHITE HOUSE REPORT PREDICTIONS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE ECONOMY--- AND THE PRESIDENT SAYS THINGS WILL SOON LOOK BETTER FOR THE UNEMPLOYED. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT-- THE UNITED STATES WILL LIKELY ADD 95 THOUSAND JOBS EACH MONTH THIS YEAR. AND IN AN ADDRESS TO CONGRESS-- THE PRESIDENT SAYS THE ECONOMY WAS LOSING OVER SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND JOBS EACH MONTH BEFORE HE TOOK OFFICE. HOWEVER-- SOME REPUBLICANS SAY ARE DISMISSING THE PRESIDENTS RECENT PREDICTIONS AS POLITICAL PROPAGANDA.
14-Feb	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	Reaction to an interview aired this morning on ABC's "This Week", by former Vice President Dick Cheney, where he is critical of Vice President Biden and of decisions made by the Obama Administration, including the way the administration handled the arrest of Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, and Biden, for misunderstanding the threat posed to this country by al Qaeda; current status of the upcoming trial of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed / possibility that Khalid Sheikh Mohammed may be tried in a military tribunal and not in a civilian court; current political climate in Washington, D.C.

14-Feb	6 p.m. news	6:11 p.m./ 1:20	Education/ Economy	IT'S AN EXPENSIVE INVESTMENT... BUT ONE THESE STUDENTS BELIEVE WILL PAY OFF IN THE FUTURE... FOR MANY...IT'S ONLY POSSIBLE WITH FINANCIAL AID. HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR KATIE RAY KNOWS SHE'LL BE TACKLING MANY OF THE COLLEGE COSTS ON HER OWN. THAT'S WHY SHE AND HER PARENTS CAME TO COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY AT LANSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE. THE PROGRAM'S DESIGNED TO HELP STUDENTS AND PARENTS THROUGH THE FINANCIAL AID FILING PROCESS.
14-Feb	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security/ Economy	A report on U.S. government efforts to prevent the sale to Iran of American-made hi-tech materials and components capable of being used in a variety of weapons. Despite a blanket embargo by the U.S. against trade with Iran, there are "middlemen" who are, knowingly or not, facilitating these transactions. Includes interviews with: Mohammad Vaghari, an Iranian businessman living in the U.S.; David Kris, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice; Clark Settles, agent, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE); Majid Kakavand, Iranian electrical engineer; Lynn Leeper, CEO, AZ Technology; Diane Francois, Kakavand's lawyer. (C: Lesley Stahl - P: Shachar Bar-on, Meghan Frank) "Davos" - a report on the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, a five-day gathering of twenty-five hundred of the world's most influential and powerful capitalists, financiers, heads of state, economists, globalists and futurists. Includes interviews with: Queen Rania al-Abdullah of Jordan; Martin Rolf, columnist, Financial Times of London; former President Bill Clinton; Martin Sorrell, WPD advertising
15-Feb	11 p.m. news	11:07 p.m./ :32	Health/ Health Care/ Race Relations	WHEN IT COMES TO DIAGNOSING ADVANCED BREAST CANCER,, A NEW STUDY SHOW THAT AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN ARE 30 TO 90 PERCENT MORE LIKELY TO BE DIAGNOSED THAN WHITE WOMEN. AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN ARE ALSO 60-PERCENT MORE LIKELY THAN WHITE WOMEN TO DEVELOP ADVANCED COLON CANCER. RESEARCHERS BELIEVE SEVERAL FACTORS-- INCLUDING GENETIC AND LIFESTYLE DIFFERENCES-- MAY CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROBLEM.
16-Feb	6 p.m. news	6:08 p.m./ :35	Crime	SEVEN PEOPLE INVOLVED IN MONDAYS FIVE-HOUR STANDOFF WITH LANSING POLICE... MAY FACE CRIMINAL CHARGES. POLICE BELIEVE THE INCIDENT-- WAS A HOAX. IT ALL UNFOLDED EARLY IN THE MORNING AT A HOME ON NEW YORK STREET. OFFICERS RESPONDED TO TWO CALLS AT ONE HOME... THE FIRST...ABOUT A MAN WAVING A GUN OUTSIDE... AND JUST MINUTES LATER ANOTHER CALL...FROM A WOMAN CLAIMING TO BE HELD INSIDE-- AT GUNPOINT. POLICE SAY THEY SPENT 130 TOTAL HOURS OF OVERTIME...TOTALING ABOUT 55-HUNDRED DOLLARS== TO SECURE THE NEIGHBORHOOD...AND TRY TO NEGOTIATE THE SUSPECTS OUT. FOUR WERE ARRESTED ON OUTSTANDING WARRANTS UNRELATED TO THE INCIDENT.
17-Feb	5 p.m. news	5:15 p.m./ :24	Environment/ Health/ Health Care/ Education	MSU RESEARCHERS ARE RECRUITING PREGNANT WAYNE COUNTY WOMEN FOR PART OF A 75 MILLION DOLLAR FEDERAL STUDY OF THE CAUSES OF AUTISM, CEREBRAL PALSY, ASTHMA AND OTHER DISEASES. THE STUDY LOOKS AT HOW GENETICS AND ENVIRONMENT AFFECT CHILDREN'S HEALTH. IT WILL TRACK 100-THOUSAND CHILDREN FROM THE WOMB TO ADULTHOOD. THE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S STUDY IS STARTING IN 30 COUNTIES-- AND WILL FOLLOW A THOUSAND WOMEN PER COUNTY.

18-Feb	11 p.m. news	11:10 p.m./ 3:25	Health/ Health Care	CANDIDATES WORK TIRELESSLY TO GET ELECTED... BUT ONCE THEY DO...IT HAS IT'S PERKS. PERKS LIKE HEALTH CARE. LAWMAKERS SPEND JUST 6 YEARS IN THIS BUILDING....THEN HIT THE AGE OF 55....AND THEIR HEALTH CARE IS FREE FOR LIFE. REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS MAKE 79,650 DOLLARS YEAR...PLUS ANOTHER 12,000 DOLLARS KNOWN AS AN EXPENSE ACCOUNTS. ON TOP OF ALL THAT...THEY DON'T REALLY HAVE TO SHOW UP FOR WORK. ABSENT LAWMAKERS ARE OFTEN EXCUSED. SOME HAVE MISSED MORE THAN A HUNDRED VOTES ON THE CHAMBER FLOORS.
19-Feb	6 p.m. news	6:07 p.m./ 1:18	Economy	MOST OF US SWIPE THEM ON A DAILY BASIS--- BUT NOW...WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT CREDIT CARDS IS ABOUT TO CHANGE. THOSE CHANGES RANGE FROM *WHO* CAN GET A CREDIT CARD...TO HOW LONG WE HAVE TO PAY THEM OFF. EXPERTS SAY THE NEW RULES SHOULD HELP THOSE DROWNING IN DEBT.
21-Feb	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	Topics include: review of President Obama's first year in office / current political climate in Washington, D.C. / reaction to criticism from Republicans against President Obama / belief that the United States is still at risk from terrorism, but is no less safe under the Obama Administration / reaction to the handling of the arrest of Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab; support for the closure of the prison facility at Guantanamo Bay; opinion that New York City should not have been chosen as the location for the upcoming trial of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed; reflections on the war in Iraq; current situation in Afghanistan; Iran's desire to develop a nuclear program; reaction to the death of former Secretary of State Alexander Haig
21-Feb	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Crime/ Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	A report on circumstances surrounding the 2004 crash in Afghanistan of a small plane (identified as "Blackwater 61") on a routine transport flight operated by Presidential Airways, the aviation subsidiary of Blackwater, the private military contractor. There were six fatalities, including Lt. Col. Mike McMahon, whose widow, former Army Col. Jeanette McMahon, is suing Presidential Airways for flagrant safety violations and reckless disregard for human life. Includes interviews with: Jeanette McMahon; Kevin McBride, pilot for Blackwater; Miguel Folch, Air Force parajumper; Dr. Todd Burd, member, autopsy investigation team; Richard Pere, Presidential Airways chief.
24-Feb	6 p.m. news	6:03 p.m./ 1:22	Crime	SOMEONE MURDERED LINDA CLARK'S HUSBAND. THAT'S WHY THE GENESEE COUNTY WOMAN HAS SPENT THE LAST SIXTEEN YEARS...FIGHTING FOR VICTIMS RIGHTS. SHE FOUGHT FOR MICHIGAN'S 19-98 *TRUTH IN SENTENCING LAW*...WHICH KEEPS PRISONERS BEHIND BARS...FOR THEIR ENTIRE MINIMUM SENTENCE. NOW SOME LAWMAKERS WANT TO TAKE IT AWAY... AND ALLOW SOME PRISONERS AN EARLY OUT.

25-Feb	5 p.m. news	5:07 p.m./ :31	Health/ Health Care	THERE WERE SOME MOMENTS TODAY---WHEN THERE SEEMED TO BE AREAS OF REAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS-- BUT NOT ENOUGH TO COME TO ANY KIND OF CONSENSUS. AT ISSUE--ALL OF THE ABOVE--THE HOUSE BILL THAT PASSED---THE SENATE VERSION THAT GOT BOGGED DOWN---AND NOW--THE PRESIDENTS NEWEST VERSION--HIS OWN HEALTH CARE REFORM PROPOSAL. FOR THE MOST PART---THE CONVERSATION WAS CIVIL--- BUT EVEN THE PRESIDENT HAD TO ADMIT---THAT OVER THE SIX HOUR SUMMIT-- THERE WERE LEGITIMATE PHILOSOPHICAL DISAGREEMENTS-- THAT AT TIMES-- GOT PRETTY POINTED.
25-Feb	11 p.m. news	11:05 p.m./ :22	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	ALSO IN WASHINGTON TONIGHT--- A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF KEY PROVISIONS OF THE PATRIOT ACT HAVE PASSED IN THE HOUSE. THE NATION'S COUNTER-TERRORISM SURVEILLANCE LAW--- IS SET TO EXPIRE ON SUNDAY. CRITICS OF THE PATRIOT ACT SAY IT FAILS TO PROTECT PRIVACY--- AND GIVES THE GOVERNMENT TOO MUCH AUTHORITY TO SPY ON AMERICANS AND SEIZE THEIR PROPERTY. THE BILL NOW GOES TO PRESIDENT OBAMA FOR HIS SIGNATURE.
28-Feb	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Health/ Health Care	A report on the aftermath of the 8.8 magnitude earthquake that struck Chile early Saturday, February 27th 2) Topics include: status of the health care debate between the Senate and the House of Representatives / pros and cons of enabling across-state-line purchasing of health insurance as a way to contain costs / need to combat fraud in the health care industry / possibility of the Senate attempting to pass its health care bill via reconciliation / likelihood of health care reform passing at this time
28-Feb	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Crime/ Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	A report on Chinese espionage activity in the United States, including an FBI video recording of Defense Department employee Gregg Bergersen talking to Chinese spy Tai Shen Kuo about classified information that Bergersen is selling to Kuo. Includes interviews with: John Slattery, retired FBI agent; Michelle Van Cleave, former U.S. counter intelligence officer, National Intelligence; Fengzhi Li, former officer in China's Ministry of State Security.
2-Mar	5-6 a.m. news	5:42 a.m./ :22	Economy/ Health/ Health Care	THE STRUGGLING ECONOMY IN MICHIGAN REACHES INTO VIRTUALLY EVERY INDUSTRY. EVEN HOSPITALS ARE NOW STRUGGLING IN THESE TOUGH TIMES. NICOLE COLLIER JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO TO TELL US WHAT THAT MEANS. NICOLE?
5-Mar	Noon news	12:06 p.m./ :31	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security/ Crime	THE PENTAGON POLICE CHIEF REACTS AFTER A CALIFORNIA MAN SHOT AT A CROWD OUTSIDE OF THE METRO STATION IN WASHINGTON D.C. LAST NIGHT. HE SAYS THE MAN APPEARED "VERY COOL" AS HE WALKED UP TO THE METRO ENTRANCE-- PULLED OUT A GUN...AND STARTED SHOOTING AT POINT-BLANK RANGE. TWO OFFICERS SUFFERED MINOR INJURIES IN THE ATTACK... BUT DID SHOOT AND KILL THE GUNMAN. THE CHIEF SAYS POLICE HAVE FOUND NO CONNECTION TO DOMESTIC OR FOREIGN TERRORISM. THOUGH THE GUNMAN DID LEAVE BEHIND POSTINGS RESENTFUL OF THE GOVERNMENT-- AND SUSPICIOUS OF THE 9-11 ATTACKS.
6-Mar	11 p.m. news	11:05 p.m./ 1:08	Health/ Health Care/ Environmen t/ Economy	IT'S A PLACE FOR MARIJUANA PATIENTS TO LIGHT UP...LEGALLY. THE GREEN LEAF SMOKERS CLUB FINISHED ITS FIRST WEEK OF BUSINESS--- ON A HIGH NOTE. OWNERS SAY THEY'VE HAD A LOT OF INTEREST--- AND THEY EXPECT BUSINESS TO KEEP GROWING.

4-Mar	5-6 a.m. news	6:20 a.m./ :30	Health/ Health Care	HEALTH CARE REFORM COULD FINALLY BECOME A REALITY--- IF PRESIDENT OBAMA HAS HIS WAY. THE PRESIDENT SAYS HE WANTS TO SEE ACTION ON HEALTH CARE REFORM WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. ON WEDNESDAY--- HE AGAIN REJECTED REPUBLICAN DEMANDS TO DRAFT A NEW HEALTH CARE BILL, SAYING ANOTHER YEAR OF NEGOTIATIONS ISN'T GOING TO HELP. THE PRESIDENT INSTEAD IS ENDORSING A PLAN TO PASS THE BILL IN THE SENATE BY USING A SIMPLE MAJORITY--- INSTEAD OF THE 60 VOTES THAT ARE NORMALLY NEEDED. BUT REPUBLICANS SAY THE MOVE IS A BAD IDEA AND WOULD OUTRAGE THE PUBLIC.
7-Mar	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Health/ Health Care/ Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	Topics include: joint letter to Senate majority leaders requesting a monthly luncheon between Republican and Democratic senators to help ease partisan rancor / current divisive issues facing both the Senate and the American people -- civilian trials vs. military tribunals for accused terrorists, closing the prison facility at Guantanamo Bay, and health care / probable use of reconciliation to pass health care in the Senate / probability of backlash from Republican senators
8-Mar	6 p.m. news	6:04 p.m./ :27	Education	ONE OF THE LAWMAKERS IN CHARGE OF SCHOOL FUNDING SAYS DISTRICTS FACE A 255 DOLLAR PER STUDENT CUT NEXT YEAR. THAT'S BECAUSE THEY SAY--THEIR'S NO DESIRE TO RAISE THE SALES TAX TO FOOT THE BILL. MONEY SOME PEOPLE - INCLUDING THE GOVERNOR - WANTED TO USE FOR EDUCATION. SINCE SCHOOLS NEED TO KNOW HOW MUCH MONEY THEY'RE GETTING BY APRIL FIRST, REPRESENTATIVE TERRY BROWN SAYS HE'S RELUCTANTLY PREPARED TO MAKE THE CUT NOW. SOME EDUCATORS DISAGREE--SAYING THERE ARE WAYS TO RAISE MORE MONEY.
9-Mar	5-6 a.m. news	5:32 a.m./ :25	Crime/ Education	A FORMER SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER FACING SEXUAL ASSAULT CHARGES IS EXPECTED IN COURT TODAY IN INGHAM COUNTY. 79 YEAR OLD EUGENE SMITH IS ACCUSED OF SEXUALLY ASSAULTING SEVERAL CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 14--- AND IS FACING 8 COUNTS OF 1ST DEGREE CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT. POLICE SAY THOSE CRIMES DATE BACK AT LEAST FIVE YEARS--- HAPPENING IN MERIDIAN AND WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIPS .WE WILL HAVE MUCH MORE ON THIS STORY-- AFTER HIS COURT APPEARANCE TODAY.
10-Mar	Noon news	12:03 p.m./ :32	Education	IMPORTANT CORE SUBJECTS COULD NOW GET AN OVERHAUL IN SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE. GOVERNORS AND STATE EDUCATION LEADERS ARE PROPOSING A NEW SET OF STANDARDS RE-DEFINING ENGLISH AND MATH CURRICULUMS FROM K THROUGH TWELVE. THEY ARE MEANT TO REPLACE STANDARDS THAT VARY WIDELY IN EACH STATE. THE PROPOSAL GOES IN LINE WITH THE PRESIDENT'S CALL FOR HIGHER ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN THE U-S.
10-Mar	11 p.m. news	11:13 p.m./ :29	Race Relations/ Health/ Health Care	A NEW REPORT SAYS THAT OVER 5 MILLION AMERICANS ARE LIVING WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE-- AND THAT RACE--- SEEMS TO PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN WHO GETS ALZHEIMERS. THE STUDY FOUND THAT AFRICAN AMERICANS ARE TWICE AS LIKELY TO DEVELOP THE DISEASE THAN WHITES-- AND HISPANICS-- ONE AND A HALF TIMES MORE LIKELY.

14-Mar	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Health/ Health Care	1) Topics include: divisions between the House of Representatives and the Senate over what is contained within the bill / belief that the health care bill will be passed within the week 2) Topics include: belief that the American people do not want this health care bill to pass / assertion that the health care bill "is the most brazen act of political arrogance... since the Watergate years" / passage of the health care bill will negatively impact the Democrats in the upcoming elections 3) Topics include: assertion that insurance companies welcome reform / opposing viewpoints regarding health care legislation / driving forces behind rising costs in the health care industry
14-Mar	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Economy	An interview with author Michael Lewis, a former Wall Street bond trader who, in his newest book, "The Big Short: Inside the Doomsday Machine", discusses the collapse of the subprime mortgage business through the eyes of a handful of Wall Street outsiders who saw it coming and made a fortune from it. Among those was Dr. Michael Burry of Cupertino, California, who discusses how he came to anticipate the collapse, and bought 'credit default swaps' - inexpensive insurance contracts on mortgage-backed securities that would pay off handsomely should the securities fail. Lewis also discusses Wall Street's bonus culture, and why he thinks it is no longer sustainable.
15-Mar	5 p.m. news	5:04 p.m./ :21	Environmen t	FOUR GROUPS-- INCLUDING THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION-- HAVE FILED A COURT PETITION-- ASKING FOR REVIEW OF A DNR'S DECISION TO ALLOW A NEW MINING PERMIT IN MARQUETTE COUNTY. THE PETITION CLAIMS THERE WAS NO LEGAL REQUIREMENT MADE TO KENNECOTT EAGLE MINERALS ---THAT THEY NOT HARM THE ENVIRONMENT. DNR OFFICIALS SAY KENNECOTT'S APPLICATION COMPLIED WITH MICHIGAN'S MINING LAW.
18-Mar	6-7 a.m. news	6:12 a.m./ :20	Education	BUDGET ISSUES FOR STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES ALSO GOT A BIT TIGHTER...AFTER LEGISLATORS APPROVED A 3-PERCENT CUT TO THEIR FUNDING. THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED ANOTHER 118 DOLLAR-PER-STUDENT REDUCTION TO K THROUGH 12 SCHOOLS. THOSE CUTS STILL NEED TO PASS THOUGH IN THE ENTIRE LEGISLATURE BEFORE THEY GO INTO EFFECT.
19-Mar	6-7 a.m. news	6:03 a.m./ :37	Health/ Health Care/ Economy	A LANDMARK VOTE ON HEALTH CARE REFORM IS NOW JUST TWO DAYS AWAY. WITH TIME RUNNING OUT AND SUPPORT RUNNING SHORT--- HOUSE DEMOCRATS AND THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION ARE DOING EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO WIN OVER THE NAYSAYERS. DEMOCRATIC LEADERS ARE NOW PULLING OUT ALL THE STOPS TO SECURE THE 216 VOTES NEEDED TO PASS THE REFORM BILL. THEY'VE EVEN TACKED ON SOME LAST-MINUTE ADD-ONS--- INCLUDING INSURANCE SUBSIDIES FOR CONSUMERS AND REBATES FOR SENIORS FACING HIGH DRUG COSTS. THE LATEST NUMBERS FROM THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE SHOW THE BILL WOULD REDUCE THE NATIONAL DEFICIT OVER A PERIOD OF 10 YEARS--- BUT REPUBLICANS STILL AREN'T CONVINCED.

19-Mar	6-7 a.m. news	6:10 a.m./ :31	Crime/ Economy	AFTER A MEGA BOARD TAX CREDIT... RECENTLY CAUSED A MEGA PROBLEM FOR MANY LAWMAKERS IN THE STATE... SOME IN LANSING SAY THEY'LL NOW HOLD INVESTIGATIVE HEARINGS INTO PAST TAX CREDITS GIVEN OUT. ON TUESDAY.. IT WAS ANNOUNCED MILLIONS IN TAX CREDITS WERE GOING TO A COMPANY--- RUN BY A CONVICTED EMBEZZLER. STATE OFFICIALS SAY THEY DIDN'T KNOW THAT RICHARD SHORT--- THE C-E-O OF RASCO--- HAD A CRIMINAL RECORD AND WAS ON PROBATION. SHORT WAS ARRESTED ON WEDNESDAY FOR A POSSIBLE PAROLE VIOLATION. THE SENATE TAX CREDIT HEARINGS WILL START SOMETIME NEXT WEEK.
21-Mar	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Race Relations/ Health/ Health Care	Representative James Clyburn (D-SC), Majority Whip, U.S. House of Representatives (1); Representative Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), Chairman, Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (1); Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY), Senate Republican Leader (2); Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL), Assistant Majority Leader (3) 1) Topics include: reaction to yesterday's rancorous demonstrations against health care / confidence that the House of Representatives will have enough votes to pass the health care bill / reasons behind opposition by House Democrats to the health care bill that the Senate passed / plan by members of the House of Representatives to vote on a reconciliation bill which will correct items in the Senate bill that House members find objectionable / level of distrust between members of the House of Representatives and the Senate / rumored letter from Senators assuring Representatives that they will vote for the changes passed by the Representatives in the reconciliation bill / faith in Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid
24-Mar	5-6 a.m. news	5:15 a.m./ :35	Economy/ Education	SCHOOLS DISTRICTS ACROSS MICHIGAN HAVE BEEN HIT HARD BY THE CURRENT ECONOMY... BUT A GROUP OF ADMINISTRATORS THINK THEY MAY HAVE A SOLUTION. SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGERS AND SUPERINTENDENTS FROM ACROSS MICHIGAN HAVE FORMED A TEAM THEY CALL THE PRACTITIONER'S SUMMIT. THE GROUP HAS DEVELOPED A PLAN OF SHORT AND LONG TERM GOALS-- THEY BELIEVE COULD SAVE THE STATE'S SCHOOLS. THEIR IDEA: MAKE THE MICHIGAN EDUCATION SYSTEM MORE EFFICIENT. HOW? THROUGH ENTIRE DISTRICT CONSOLIDATIONS...EQUAL TEACHER PAY ACROSS DISTRICTS... AND A SHIFT AWAY FROM PER-PUPIL FUNDING. GROUP MEMBERS SAY-- IT'S VITAL THESE OPTIONS GET CONSIDERED.
21-Mar	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Health/ Health Care	A report on the plight of children in post-earthquake Haiti, half a million of whom are still living on the streets, in crowded orphanages or in makeshift camps. They are also vulnerable to becoming "restaveks" - child slaves, legal in Haiti. Includes interviews with Joe Knitting, Moise Vaval and Mike Fox of the Global Orphan Project; Marie de la Soudiere of UNICEF; Renise, a former child slave; Jean-Robert Cadet, a former child slave.

24-Mar	11 p.m. news	11:06 p.m./ :36	Race Relations/ Economy	A NEW STUDY CLAIMS BLACKS ARE SUFFERING THE MOST FROM UNEMPLOYMENT. THE NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE-- RELEASED ITS ANNUAL "STATE OF BLACK AMERICA" REPORT TODAY. THEIR FINDINGS SHOW-- BLACKS HAVE MADE GAINS IN OVERALL EQUALITY WITH WHITES... BUT THEY ARE ALMOST 2-TIMES MORE LIKLEY TO BE UNEMPLOYED. FEBRUARY'S NATIONAL NUMBERS BETTER ILLUSTRATE THE UNEMPLOYMENT GAP... BLACKS HELD THE HIGHEST WITH 15-POINT- EIGHT PERCENT. HISPANICS WERE RECORDED OVER 12-PERCENT. AND WHITES HAD AN 8-POINT EIGHT PERECENT UNEMPLOYMENT RATE. THE NATIONAL AVERAGE WAS 9-POINT SEVEN PERCENT. BUT WHAT ABOUT LOCALLY? CANDACE BURNS--BREAKS DOWN THE MICHIGAN NUMBERS
25-Mar	8:55 a.m. cut in	8:55 a.m./ :29	Crime/ Economy	THE CONTROVERSY OVER THE STATE GIVING MILLIONS IN TAX CREDITS TO A CONVICTED EMBEZZLER-- HAS LED LAWMAKERS TO NEW LEGISLATION OVER-SEEING THE PROCESS.. ON WEDNESDAY--- THE HOUSE PASSED A MEASURE REQUIRING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR MEGA BOARD APPLICANTS WANTING TAX INCENTIVES. THIS ALL STEMS FROM AN INCIDENT EARLIER THIS MONTH--- WHERE THE MEGA BOARD AWARDED 9 MILLION DOLLARS IN BUSINESS TAX CREDITS TO RASCO C-E-O RICHARD SHORT. SHORT WAS LATER ARRESTED ON A PAROLE VIOLATION. THE BILL NOW GOES TO THE SENATE.
26-Mar	Noon News	12:10 p.m./ :27	Environment	SOME OFF-ROAD VEHICLE TRAILS IN MICHIGAN MAY SOON GET SEE AN UPGRADE THANKS TO NEW STATEWIDE GRANTS. THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT WILL GIVE THEM OUT. PUBLIC AGENCIES AND NONPROFIT INCORPORATED CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS CAN APPLY FOR THE MONEY UNDER THE 2010-2011 OFF-ROAD VEHICLE TRAIL GRANT PROGRAM. APPLICATIONS MUST BE IN BY MAY 1. WITH MORE DETAILS AVAILABLE ON THE STATE OF MICHIGAN WEB SITE. YOU'LL FIND A LINK FOR IT ON OURS....WLNS DOT COM.
26-Mar	6 p.m. news	6:04 p.m./ 1:20	Economy	WELCOME TO THE NEW EATON COUNTY HEALING AND RECOVERY CENTER. A BRAND NEW BUILDING...NOT EVEN OPEN YET. BUT SOON PEOPLE WILL FILL THESE BEDS... AND THEY'LL NEED CARE FROM SPECIALIZED WORKERS. MARTHA RICHARD IS HIRING FOR ALL OF THOSE POSITIONS... BY THE TIME THIS PLACE OPENS SHE WANTS TO BRING ON AT LEAST 60 WORKERS. THAT'S WHY MICHIGAN WORKS HELD A FAIR TO FILL THE POSITIONS.
27-Mar	11 p.m. news	11:04 P.M./ 1:21	Education	THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION ESTIMATES THIS NEW BILL WILL SAVE TAXPAYERS NEARLY 70-BILLION DOLLARS OVER THE NEXT DECADE. TODAY...IN HIS WEEKLY ADDRESS, THE PRESIDENT SAID HIS PLAN WILL MAKE COLLEGE MORE AFFORDABLE FOR THE MIDDLE-CLASS. HERE'S HOW IT WORKS: THE PLAN *ELIMINATES* SUBSIDIES GIVEN TO BANKS WHO ACT AS THE MIDDLEMAN FOR STUDENT LOANS. THE MONEY SAVED FROM GETTING RID OF THOSE SUBSIDIES WILL HELP EXPAND THE FEDERAL PELL GRANT PROGRAM --- BY NEARLY DOUBLING FUNDING FOR A PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES NEED-BASED GRANTS TO LOW-INCOME STUDENTS. THIS PROGRAM WILL HELP MORE STUDENTS AFFORD SCHOOL... AND GIVE THEM HELP ONCE THEY GRADUATE.

28-Mar	Face/Nation	10:30-11 a.m.	Health/ Health Care	1) Topics include: commitment to repeal health care reform / pledge to defeat any members of Congress who voted for the bill in the upcoming November elections; reaction to President Obama's recess appointment of fifteen nominees for government jobs; reaction to the violence from protestors opposed to health care reform2) Topics include: explanation of two separate statements where Bachmann equated health care reform with tyranny and her belief that President Obama has anti-American views; desire to repeal "Obamacare" 3) Topics include: belief that Republican attempts to repeal health care are unwise and will fail / request to work with Chairman Michael Steele of the Republican National Committee and issue a statement calling for Americans and their elected officials to be more civil in the health care debate / speculation as to why that offer was rejected
28-Mar	60 Minutes	7-8 p.m.	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security/ Crime	A profile and interview with Nada Prouty, a former FBI and CIA terrorism fighter. Born in Lebanon, she came to the U.S. at age nineteen and arranged a sham marriage as a shortcut to citizenship. In 2005, FBI agents questioned her about her connections with her brother-in-law, a Lebanese restaurant owner named Talal Chahine, who was associated with Hezbollah, which was backed by Iran and on the U.S. terrorism list. She was accused of viewing classified information in the FBI ACS computer system without authorization. The CIA, however, did its own investigation and completely exonerated her of any wrongdoing. At the conclusion of her trial, Federal Judge Avern Cohn blasted the U.S. Attorney's Office for its overly zealous pursuit, but, because of the law regarding Prouty's sham marriage, he was forced to revoke her citizenship. She was fined nine hundred and seventy-five dollars, and released. The judge also blocked her deportation to Lebanon. Also interviewed is Bob Grenier, former CIA station chief in Pakistan.
28-Mar	11 p.m. news	11:04 p.m./ :19	Health/ Health Care/ Crime	DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CHAIRMAN TIM KAINE IS SPEAKING OUT ABOUT THREATS AGAINST MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY. KAINE SAYS HE'S UPSET AT THE RECENT VIOLENCE TARGETING LAWMAKERS WHO VOTED FOR THE FEDERAL HEALTH CARE LAW. HE SAYS IT'S ONLY STOKING ANGER. KAINE SAYS HE SENT OUT AN EMAIL PRAISING DEMOCRATS FOR DOING A GOOD THING BY PASSING THE REFORM.
29-Mar	5 p.m. news	5:06 p.m./ :22	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security/ Crime	9-MEMBERS OF A RADICAL CHRISTIAN MILITIA GROUP---BASED HERE IN MICHIGAN-- HAVE NOW BEEN CHARGED WITH CRIMES AGAINST THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. AT ISSUE? DOMESTIC TERRORISM. DAVE AKERLY IS IN-STUDIO --WITH THE LATEST.